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Applicant: GRABOWSKI ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN  
Serial No.: 09/939,523 Group Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: AUGUST 24, 2001 Docket: 6683.64US01  
Due Date: NOVEMBER 28, 2001  
Title: BONE FIXATION DEVICE

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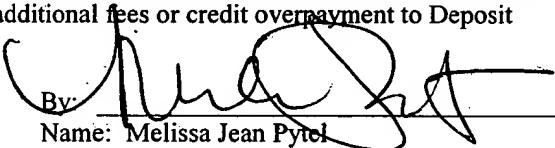
Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Submission of Formal Drawings, 10 Sheets of Formal Drawings
- Check(s) in the amount of \$2256.00 for Filing Fee of \$740.00, Additional Claims Fee of \$1386.00 and Surcharge Fee of \$130.00
- Other: Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Part 2
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. *\*740*  
*Applicant must submit \$718 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).* *\*1386*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is *\$1362*.
  - \$882 for 49 total claims over 20.
  - ~~\$480~~ for 6 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is *\$2202*. *\*2256*

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents  
Attn: Official Draftsman  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are 10 sheet(s) of Formal Drawings for completion of this application, and in compliance with the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application from the Examiner dated September 28, 2001.



Respectfully submitted,

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